HABS NO. MN-82

THORSTEIN VEBLEN FARMSTEAD, HOUSE (Thomas Veblen Farmstead)
Section 12, Wheeling Twp.
Nerstand Vicinity
Rice County
Minnesota

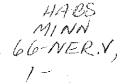
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY		TOWN OR VI	WN OR VICINITY	
Minnesota	Rice		Nerstrand vicinity		
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUOE SOURCE FOR NAME) HABS NO.					
THORSTEIN VEBLEN FARMSTEAD			MN-82		
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE					
Thomas Veblen Farmstead					
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)					
one mile east of the small village of Nerstrand, wheeling township					
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)					
circa. 1875					
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)					
Thorestein Veblen lived on this property as a youth and returned here often as an adult.					
An economist, social scientist and critic of American culture, Veblen coined the term					
"conspicuous consumption, and has been called on of America's most original thinkers.*					
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Sampled Choire					
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)					
wood frame with cedar shingle roof					
SHAPE AND OIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)					
2 story, rectangular shaped					
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE					
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INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (OESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)					
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MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES					
MINIST NETCHANIONS ASSISTANCE WITH STATES					
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PRESENT CONDITION AND USE					
abondoned, the house is poorly maintained and becoming increasingly deteriorating					
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE					
*The property's simple vernacular styling illustrates early influences on Veblen's life					
as the son of immigrants, growing up in a tightly knit Norwegian-American Community.					
His book, Theory of the Leisure Class is a economic, social and literary classic.					
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUOING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)					
National Register nomination, prepared by Thomas Lutz, Minn. Hist. Soc.					
Catalog of National Historic Landmarks					
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